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House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 24, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Lord, on this day, Christmas Eve, You know there are many Americans who look to the people's House as uncertainty about the future of the economy and their livelihoods hangs in the balance. While agreements have been reached, further uncertainty has been introduced, causing frustration for many.

We ask again that You bless the Members of the people's House during such a stressful time. Help them to remain men and women of hope as they attend to their public service.

Above all, may all who possess power here in the Nation's capital be mindful of those whom they represent who possess little or no power and whose lives are made all the more difficult by a failure to work out serious differences.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution

967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WITTMAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 21, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 21, 2020, at 11:08 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2429.

That the Senate agrees to House of Representatives amendment to Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 1520.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 128.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3250.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5126.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5472.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 22, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 22, 2020, at 11:39 a.m.:

That the Senate agrees to the House of Representatives amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 133.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 127.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3153.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1418.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1492.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2502.

Appointment: Independent Mexico Labor Expert Board.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following bills were signed by Speaker Pro Tempore Beyer on Monday, December 21, 2020:

H.R. 1240, to preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen;

H.R. 1520, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, and for other purposes;

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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